

## CA Firefighters Special Interest License Plates

### New Information

New legislation authorizes fee increases for original/renewal or sequential/personalized California Firefighters (CAFF) Special Interest License Plates.

### Procedures

Effective January 1, 2011, California Firefighter License Plates fees will increase as follows:

<i>Transaction</i>	<i>Old Fee</i>	<i>New Fee</i>
Original-Sequential	\$35	\$50
Renewal-Sequential	\$20	\$35
Original-Personalized	\$83	\$98
Renewal-Personalized	\$58	\$73

New legislation allows a firefighter's surviving spouse to retain firefighter plates without setting a time limit to transfer the plate. A family member may also retain one of the special interest license plates as a family heirloom. Family is defined as a spouse, parent, step-parent, child, grandparent, sibling, step-child, step-grandparent, and step-sibling.

When a customer wishes to retain one firefighter plate as a family heirloom, instruct the family member to:

- Complete a Statement of Facts (REG 256) stating their relationship to the firefighter plate owner and/or surviving spouse. They must also state that the plate will not be placed on a vehicle and will be kept as a family heirloom.
- Surrender the second plate. If the second plate is missing, the family member must indicate that the plate is missing on the REG 256. Submit the REG 256 and the surrendered firefighter plate to DMV.

If a vehicle is missing one or two license plates, the dealer must submit the following with the transfer of ownership application:

- An Application for Replacement Plates, Stickers, Documents (REG 156) available online at [www.dmv.ca.gov/forms/reg/reg156.htm](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/forms/reg/reg156.htm).
- The replacement license plate fee.
- Surrender the existing plate, if applicable.

## **Background**

Prior to January 1, 2011, firefighter family members were not allowed to retain one of the firefighter plates as a family heirloom. The \$15 increase will go to the CAFF Memorial Fund.

## **Reference**

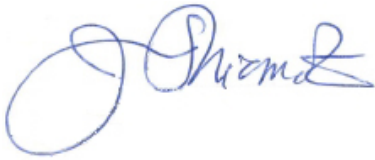
*Vehicle Code §5101.2*

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